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THE MEARS PRIZE ESSAY.

UTAH—HER ATTRACTIONS AND RESOURCES—AS INVITING THE ATTENTION OF TOURISTS, AND THOSE SEEKING PERMANENT HOMES.

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MANUFACTURES.

The promise of Utah's greatness is found in the resources within her borders, which will favor the growth of manufacturing industries. These manufacturing industries, which in a general sense, are to secure for Utah wealth and power, are of a class more or less dependent upon mining. To prove the correctness of this assertion, it is only necessary to point to our iron resources. One may travel the world over in search of iron and he will return to Utah the more firmly convinced that nowhere can this metal be found in more abundance, in greater variety, or of a quality that yields more readily to the touch of the artisan. There is in this small territory enough iron to supply the entire world for centuries. The time must come when this wealth of iron yet destined to rival the wealth of the Indies, will offer an unfailing opportunity for profitable and extensive investment. That time once arrived, it will not be long before the mining of iron ores equals in proportion the mining for precious metals. In this respect the mining and manufacturing industries are allied. But this is not all. The foundation for extensive industries in other directions is almost as great. The fuel supply is unlimited consisting of coal in many varieties, oil shales, mineral wax, etc., etc. In the matter of building rocks our supplies are inexhaustible, embracing varieties of granite, white and red sand stone, lime stone, marbles and ornamental stones. Then there agricultural rocks, useful as fertilisers. These are to be found in such vast quantities as to afford means for fertilising our agricultural districts for many years to come. There exist, also, chemical rocks from which nearly all the acids can be manufactured. Also gulana ores and ochres in every variety from

which the finest white lead and paints can be manufactured. We have clays upon which pottery and fire brick industries may be established, and all the elements are to be found for the manufacture of every variety of glass upon a stupendous scale. Besides iron, there are gold, silver, lead, antimony, salt, copper, and other minerals, each of which would justify the establishment of suitable industries. These are some of the elements upon which the future of Utah depends. But our territory is not without her manufactures. She has woolen mills, shoe factories, tanneries, dairies, flour mills and numerous other industries of more or less importance; is making extensive preparations for the manufacture of paper, silk and sugar; and in a short time—the foundation now having been laid—iron will be manufactured on an extensive scale. In these respects Utah is unexcelled in the inducements she offers to those in search of permanent homes.

ATTRACTIONS.

The natural attractions of Utah are numerous. First among them is the Great Salt Lake, the dead sea of America, whose shores are visited yearly by thousands in search of health and pleasure. Being the largest body of water of its kind in the world it constitutes a rare attraction. No tourist can afford, if within a reasonable distance, to forego a journey to its shores and a plunge in its exhilirating waters. The abundance of game and fish in all parts of the territory; the moderate temperature of the climate; the reliability of the elements which make outdoor excursions admissable all through the summer and camping out a luxury not generally permitted; the existence of medicinal springs; the grand old mountains with their canyon streams, all combine to make Utah a very attractive quarter of the globe. Add to these attractions those which are found in the growth of cities and industries; the facilities for traveling, and the many events associated with the history of the people who pioneered the territory, and to whose courageous hearts and untiring efforts is mainly due the present wide spread prosperity and the promises held out by the future, and it will be difficult to recall a locality where there are attractions, the extent and variety of which, offer greater inducements to tourists. Person and property are as absolutely safe as anywhere. During the principal portion of the year the climate is delightful, and while it is not as perfect as some, the dry pure air is laden with the germs of no disease. The atmosphere invigorates, brightens and has a salutary effect on numerous ailments common to more thickly populated localities. Our mineral springs, though they do not enjoy famous reputations, are nevertheless as health-giving as those which have attained world-wide celebrity. In some respects the springs of Utah have material advantages over many of great note: while not disagreeable to the taste, and affording relief for many ailments, they also recommend themselves for their refreshing effect upon bathers. All attractions are of easy access, even those hidden in the mountain recesses. An attempt to picture the evanescent beauty of the mountains in autumn, the grandeur of the evening sky with its manifold cloud-towers of gorgeous hues, the effects of light and shade, the reflections of the sinking sun cast from the tinted trees and shrubs on mountain and hill, serve only to show how limited are human powers and how painful is the poverty of language to express that which the eye beholds on all sides, and which displays in marvelous wonder and magnificence the works of the Great Father.

To do justice to so comprehensive a subject as this, and develop all that could be said recommending Utah as a place for permanent homes would require what might be termed a poetical inventory of the resources of the territory. Such a treatment would transcend the limits of an essay and assume the proportions of a volume, and yet contain nothing superfluous. But from what has already been so briefly and desultorily set forth, some idea of the brilliant outlook for the future may have been obtained. Within the borders of Utah exist in untold abundance resources which invite the foundation of manifold industries, all ensuring wealth to judicious manage-

ment. Not only do these promise to supply the demands that may be made upon them for centuries by our own inhabitants, but they foreshadow large exportations. We have all that our sister territories have and much that many do not possess, or possess in quantities that will justify extensive utilization. Being centrally located, the day will come when adjoining territories will purchase from us that which they are themselves unable to produce or manufacture. The reliable agricultural basis of the territory ensures cheap food, and consequent reasonable labor; and these, with the fast increasing railroad facilities now extending in all directions, will warrant an encroachment upon the pursuits of those who have hitherto compelled us to pay tribute for labor which could have been performed as well, as readily and at less expense, by ourselves. With every extention and advance of railroad facilities comes a saving to the people, which can be invested in new directions and assist in developing new industries.

As the territory becomes older; as her villages and cities enlarge; as her industries extend, and as her mines develop her attractions will increase. The attractions of nature, so far as we know, have existed forever. But they are enhanced by the advances of civilization, and Utah will always remain a country whose attractions will invite the presence of tourists and those in search of health. While the canyons last, her waters will be cool and refreshing; while the mountains remain, her atmosphere will be pure; life will sparkle in the stream, and health be borne upon the breeze.

Charitable institutions already exist and are increasing, and means for the dissemination of knowledge are ample. Schools are within the reach of all. Institutions of charity and of learning keep pace with the requirements of the people. A spirit of progress is abroad. It has a seat in every mind, a home in every heart.

The idea of home is that of rest. Unless security of person and property exist; unless the peace and quiet of industry prevail, there never can be felt the influence of home. That the people of Utah are industrious none will, none can deny; and when this is admitted it cannot be gainsaid that they are peaceable, for an industrious people are always peaceful; that they are contented, for a peaceful people are always contented; that they are happy, for a contented people are always happy. If the influence of peace and the love of home exist anywhere, they exist in Utah, and in this sense, at least, no place can outrival Utah in the inducements she offers for those in search of permanent homes.

In the light of all these facts how broad and promising are the prospects for the future! Does it require any unjustifiable stretch of fancy to urge the imagination forward through a portion of the coming years and there behold a territory whose valleys are filled with fields of golden grain? Whose mountain slopes are made green by the encroachments of the husbandman? Whose mines, developed with unerring skill, yield honest returns for honest labor? Whose cities are large and beautiful? The hum of whose extensive, varied and permanent industries may be heard through all the land? Whose people are industrious, prosperous, intelligent and contented? While over all the spirit of love, of kindness and of charity whispers "on earth peace, good will toward men?"

A good heart, and a clear conscience, are excellent companions.

The virtue of a man ought to measured not by his extraordinary exertions, but by his every-day conduct.

He who patiently cultivates the habit of attention to moral requirements will in time find it less and less difficult, and more and more conducive to his improvement and happiness; and he who would aid another in the formation of a valuable character or the correction of prominent faults can find no more effectual means than by persuading him to the same course.

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1882.

As the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and Eighty-One fadingly dissolves from our view, to give place to the approaching scenes and enactments of another twelvemonth, we are naturally led to contemplate the coming prospect, as it first dimly appears upon the canvas, to scan the scarcely defined outlines of the new picture, and prophetically enlarge upon its almost invisible pencillings, its semi-apparent lights, and its portentous shades. To each class of people, the New Year opens with a different aspect. The merchant regards it as he may be affected by trade. He thinks of it as a source of profit or loss in business. The mechanic considers whether it will prove a successful one for his particular line. The laborer wonders whether food and fuel will be dearer or cheaper, or whether wages will be raised or reduced, and how it will affect the price of his rent. While the speculator soars into the realm of impossibilities, and figures in his airy brain some new scheme upon which the coming year is to have a fateful influence. Meantime the politician either mourns or rejoices at the prospects of national or party changes, and "sets his snares according to the game" indicated by the foreshadowing signs of the approaching campaigns. The doctor is doubtless uneasy as to whether 1882 will prove a healthy season, or whether the air will be impregnated with fatal and incurable diseases. The lawyer looks at his cash receipts for 1881, and bases his prospects on what seems to him to be certain for the coming year, viz., that mankind will be just as quarrelsome, and clients as vindictive as ever, and he rubs his hands with satisfaction at the prospect of fat fees and long-continued cases. Farmers think of the weather, and how the New Year will affect wheat, oats and barley; whether they will have a good hay season, or if the rains will destroy the results of their toil. Factory people are fearful about the fashions. They are cogitating upon the possibility of changes in material and trimmings. They are comparatively at the mercy of those social tyrants—the fashion-mongers. It is a question of bread and butter with some hundreds of operatives, whether the New Year will usher in lace or bead trimmings, whether merino, cashmere alpaca, or velvet, will be most worn, and to others the infant year causes anxieties on the matter of gimps and fringes, lest their manipulators should be put on "half time." And even the tailor thinks of new cuts in spring styles.

and hopes to reap a harvest out of the extravagance and folly of the dandies of '82.

But while landsmen are thus contemplating the uncertain prospects attendant upon a new season of business, shipowners and sailors are cogitating on probable storms at sea, and how international traffic is going to be affected by the relations between governments, and the wants of various localities. So that the entire business world is anxiously looking on, while it stands upon the verge of prospective changes following the introduction of another New Year.

But to the Latter-day Saints as a people, and as members of the Church of Christ, it is also of great importance. It brings them one year nearer the accomplishment of God's great purposes. The changing scenes of business the fierce rolling of the raging waters, the encroachments of power, the rebellion of the oppressed, the disturbance of mighty kings, the turbulence of restless multitudes, all have a portentous meaning to them. They speak in the stirring language of Divinity to God's people. Each year brings its signs of the terrible times which are coming, when among the wicked poverty will find no relief, and sorrow no solace. When the power of famine and pestilence will be felt among the ungodly from one end of the earth to the other, and death be sought by many in their misery, but it shall flee from them. When Babylon with all her load of iniquity shall sink to rise no more, because she has made all nations drunk with "the wine of the wrath of her fornication." The day is approaching, and each year brings us nearer to its fulfillment when the righteous will be crowned with peace and happiness in the Savior's kingdom. Although the Saints cannot withold sympathy from those who must partake of the coming sorrows, knowing too that judgments begin at the house of God, yet they feel to rejoice that the day of God's power is approaching, when he will gather his chosen people with a mighty hand from the four corners of the earth, deliver his oppressed servants from their enemies, redeem Zion with a stretched-out arm, and establish his glorious kingdom in permanence and power. And in the midst of the trials which the Saints have borne and the sorrows which they have passed through, the Lord has plainly shown them that the sufferings of the ungodly would sorely surpass anything endured by his people. And it will yet be seen that to be a true and faithful Latter-day Saint will ensure the greatest immunity from the evils inflicted upon the world by the hand of time, the press of political events, and the warring of the elements when enraged by the powers of evil.

And we feel to encourage the Saints abroad as we are about to enter upon A.D., 1883, and to say to them,—fear not what may transpire around you, for although surrounded by the torrents of hatred and prejudice, you stand upon the imperishable rock of revealed Truth; while the world, darkened in mind and embittered by a spirit of unbelief, are sealing their own doom by risking all their hopes of eternal life on the follies and vanities of men. They tread the treacherous sands of superstition, and in their folly they fancy themselves secure. But unless they repent, sudden destruction awaits the wicked, and they will be engulfed in their own iniquity. Let the faithful trust in Israel's God, and notwithstanding the changes and buffetings of fortune, and the threatening aspect of the world's future, ye scattered Saints lift up your

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The Saints are feeling well and most of them are living their religion. They often speak of you and Sister Stayner; also many of the "outsiders" inquire after you, and especially our kind friends at Tag Hill. I am at present laboring with Elder Woolley, am feeling well and endeavoring to magnify my calling by the help of the Lord. I feel that God has blessed his servants here, and I pray that the blessings of God may rest upon his people, and especially those who are engaged in the work of the ministry.

With kind regards to Brother Fell and all at "42," and praying God to bless you, I am

Your Brother in the Gospel,

W. H. KING.

POETRY.

THE PRAISE OF CHARITY.

13TH CHAPTER OF 1ST CORINTHIANS.

(From the Salt Lake Woman's Exponent.)

Had I the power to speak with tongue
Of angel from the highest sphere,
As sounding brass I should become,
If charity were wanting here!

And though I stood as one of old
To prophecy of things to come,
With language apt, and spirit bold,
Or with the gift of unknown tongue;
Or could I by my faith remove
The mountain from its pristine site;
Or all the hidden mysteries prove,
And lay them bare to human sight—
Before the Omniscient eye of God,
He has declared I still should be
As nothing!"—but a humble clod—
If lacking Heaven-born Charity!

And tho' my goods to feed the poor
I give—assuming saintly guise,
The Omniscient Judge would close the door
Of mercy from before mine eyes,
If charity did not propel
The motive spring of action here;
And vain 'twould be for me to tell
I'd fed, and clothed, and shed the tear!
And though upon the funeral pyre
My body to be burned I'd given,
If charity did not inspire
All closed would be the gate of heaven!

What strong, uncompromising creed
In thrilling word is here laid down?
Assist the people in their need,
Or, Father, they will lose their crown!

And now the sweet and gentle form
Of charity is held to view,
By pen Omniscient she is drawn
Exemplar there for me, and you!

She suffereth long—is ever mild,
Endureth all things, day and night,
Believeth all things as a child,
And hopeth all things good and bright.

When all the elements decay,
And prophecies and tongues shall fail,
Blest charity shall soar away
Beyond creation's boundless pale!

And now abideth faith, and hope,
And charity,—these holy three!
For all there is immortal scope,
But oh! their crown is charity!

HANNAH T. KING.

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CLOSE OF THE VOLUME.—The present number closes the Forty-third Volume of the MILLENNIAL STAR, and we trust it has been a source of instruction and comfort to the Saints scattered abroad. Pains have been taken to place before our readers such matter as would be best calculated to accomplish these ends, and by the blessing of God we feel that we have been successful.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

A WORD FROM NOTTINGHAM CONFERENCE.

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